MEXICAN POLITENESS.

Why the Foreigner There should be Informed as to the Exact Meaning of It.

Speaking of the customs and formalities of the Mexicans reminds me of a curious incident which once came under my notice. The story is true, and will, I think, on that account bear repetition. A foreigner was once traveign in the north of Mexico. Ilis business took him to a small town in the interior at some distance from the line of railway, and consequently to reach his destination he was obliged to proceed on muleback. The traveler arrived late in the afternoon, and as he was wearly plodding his mule up the main street of the preble whom should he meet but the a Mexican gentleman who had been introduced to him in one of the souther ance, it must be mentioned, was a slight one, and by no means intimate. The Mexican, however, immediately he caught sight of him reined in his hore, and by no means intimate. The Mexican, however, immediately he caught sight of him reined in his hore, claim of the southern of the south responsible to the other man. The usual preliminating them, as the conversation became more general, the foreigner fell to admiring the Mexican's horse in terms of our mbounded admiration, and at the same time dilated upon the discomfort of traveling by mules. I presume that this praise of his horse must have been pleasing to the Mexican, for he immediately in the most affable way possible bowed to his keep open and the conversation became more pleasing to the Mexican, and at the same place of the howes the mentioned way to the conversation became more general, the foreigner fell to admiring the mediately in the most affable way possible bowed to his companion, and ware and the mediately may the discomfort of the trading and had not a life to with checking the general upway to the trading and had not a life to with checking the general upway to the trading and had not a life to with checking the general upway to the provided the provided to the provided the provided to the provided to the provided to the diately in the most affable way possi-ble bowed to his companion, and wav-ing his hand toward the horse said:

ing his hand toward the horse said: "Senior, esta su disposicion."

Now the stranger had heard often enough of this custom, and therefore ignorance could not be pleaded. Indeed, if I am not very much mistaken, he had been heard to make a vaunt that if ever anyone made him an offer in this fashion he was going to accept it "right away." True to his boast, he at once returned thanks for the gift in the most conclusive terms. The Mexican, of course, was terribly taken aback. However, he concealed his surprise as best he could, and made some vague but polite answer. The truth was, he hardly believed the man knew what he was saying. The stranger soon showed was saying. The stranger soon showed he had sufficient "brass" to carry the he had sufficient "brass" to carry the matter through, and at once added that he should have much pleasure in sending his mozo round for the beautiful present the next morning. The Mexican simply observed that, as he was the donor, he would attend to that. And so they parted. The upshot of this affair was that about an hour after this meeting the horse was brought this meeting the horse was brought round to the door of the stranger's ho-

round to the door of the stranger's hotel by the owner's servant.

Now the question arises which man came out best. The foreigner who was cute enough to make a "deal," or the Mexican, who, with Quixotic foolishness, gave up his horse? For a Mexican to part company with his horse is worse than having an eye-tooth pulled out; but in this case evidently his word was of more value than his steed. Another possibility which may have other possibility which may have caused him to act as he did, was that perhaps he did not wish to insult a man who had been introduced to him by one of his old friends. Of course, bear in mind that all this happened in a remote country town, where possibly the old customs are more strictly observed than in Mexico City, where people are rapidly learning to be more cau-tious and less ceremonious.

This is only one of many such tales.

Some are true and some are undoubtedly untrue. But in any case I do not at all sympathize with those who would at all sympathize with those who would condemn this polite custom as insincere and hypocritical. For an Englishman to express himself in this way would be ridiculous, simply because it does not happen to be the custom of his land; but in the case of the Mexican it is quite different. If we consider for a moment, I think an explanation of this formality can be readily found. Among ourselves, when anybody admires our possessions, we as often as not say nothing or perhaps we smile deprecatingly and say: "Glad you like it," etc. On one or two occasions I have known an awkward pause to follow. Now the Mexican way of passing the whole matter off pleasantly is to simply offer you everything he has, or simply offer you everything he has, or the particular object you happen to ad-mire; a few words are then wasted in harmless courtesies. But what of that; surely the simplest must know that the offer is not meant to be taken literally, and therefore on that account I think in common fairness there is no hypocrisy. Are there not many stock phrases which society countenances among us, and are we supposed to take them literally? Certainly not .- Mex-

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Dress Notes.

Lace hoods appear upon some of the lace trimmed models for autumn and winter tea gowns.

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have deepened in tone, and the jacque-minot and geranium dyes have been again taken into favor by French milliners and modistes.

Silk cord appliques, soutache in rows or braiding designs, and fine jet and chenille passementeries will decorate handsome cloth costumes for winter wear, but thus far, almost without exception, the designs sent to America for smart tailor suits appropriate for various autumn uses have merely a finish, at all the edges, of rows of silk ma-chine-stitching. The effect of the cos-tume depends entirely upon the very handsome quality of the cloth or other

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NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

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156,57; No. 2 western, 596,60.
Sugar-Strong; unchanged,
Butter-Firm; unchanged,
Cheese-Steady; unchanged,
Eggs-Firm; unchanged.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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The meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia is the absorbing subject of interest among the Baptists of Newport News, and, in fact, all other cities of the State at this time. The seventy-sixth annual session of this body will begin at the Second Buptist church, of Richmond, next Friday evening. It will bec alled to order by the president, Rev. Dr. A. E. Owen, of Berkley.

The association, as soon as it convenes, elects officers for the ensuing year. The present officers are Dr. Owen, president; Rev. Dr. W. R. L. Smith, Mr. H. L. Schmelz, Judge A. P. Cole and Rev. Dr. C. F. James, vice-presidents; Rev. Hugh C. Smith, secretary; Mr. H. Theodore Ellyson, assistant secretary; Rev. W. F. Dunaway, D. D., statistical secretary; Mr. B. A. Jacobs, treasurer, and Mr. J. E. Montgomery, auditor.

The delegates are usually enrolled and assigned to homes before the association convenes.

The association is a representative and purely missionary body. Membership is on the basis of one delegate for each \$25 contributed to the institutions of the State. About 500 delegates are expected at Richmond this week. The duty of getting homes for these visitors has devolved upon a committee of members from each of the churches of Richmond and Manchester. Mr. W. H. Sadler, of the Second church, is chairman nof this body. The visitors are entertained in private families, and are received as guests of honor.

OVER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND. The Explicit of Virginia number 118, 586, and have 320 churches. The average church membership is about 120. The State is subdivided into twenty-one district associations. They are Accomac, Albemarke, Appomattox, Augusta, Rue Ridge, Concord, Dan River, Dover (to which the Newport News churches belong), Goshen, James River, Dover (to which the Newport News churches belong), Goshen, James River, Dover (to which the Newport News churches belong), Goshen, James River, Dover (to swhich the Newport News churches belong), Goshen, James Rive

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When once convened, the body loses little time in getting to business.
The first committee named is on "Order of Business." This committee arranges the hours of meeting and the program to be carried out. This committee decides when the reports of the boards shall be submitted, and what hours shall be submitted, and what hours shall be submitted, and what hours shall be devoted to special or business sessions.

The Bristol Baptist church was to have had the association this year. But smallpox was discovered in that city and it was decided best not to go there. The association acted on the advice of the Board of Health of Bristol, and with the full approval of the Bristol church. This church has already renewed its invitation for the body to come to them next year.

Rev. Dr. George Cooper, of Richmond, was selected to preach the segmon. He will do so, probably Sunday morning, but this, too, is determined by the Cammitte on Order of Business. Visiting Baptist ministers fill many of the pulpits of Richmond next Sunday.

Efforts are being made to make this one of the most interesting and helpful sessions the venerable and influential body has ever held.

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